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Seeing You Again

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Tallstar walked forward cautiously, trying not to disturb any of the cats around him. "Jake?" He called from one side of the fence. "Jake.. please come out." Tallstar heard a semi-loud thud and jerked his head upwards. There on the top of the fence stood Jake, the cat his heart belonged to. "Jake.. I never thought I'd see you again." Tallstar purred, leaping onto the fence.

"Do I know you?" Jake meowed, obviously confused.

"I-It's me.. Talltail.. well, it's Tallstar now, but you've only known me as Talltail." Tallstar said, slightly worried. Jake began giggling hysterically. "Talltail.. I mean Tallstar, I'm just pulling your tail! How could I forget the cat that changed my life?" He purred. "Why are you back? You have a loving clan to lead, they need you.." Tallstar shot Jake a loving glance.

"The clan life got boring, and my paws kept dragging me to your fence, I couldn't resist anymore." Tallstar said. "Plus there is something I need to tell you that I regret not telling you moons earlier... Jake.. I'm in love with you.. It took me a while to sort out my feelings, but I know. My heart has ached day after day, moon after moon that I've been away from you Jake." Jake stared at Tallstar dumbfounded.

"Tallstar.. why didn't you tell me earlier?" Jake hissed, a sudden burst of anger hit him. "All this time I thought you didn't truly care for me. I forced myself to love another, to drop all feelings for you. I wanted to stay loyal to my heart, but I thought my heart was lying."

Tallstar shrunk back. "I-I'm sorry Jake.. I would have told you sooner, but I was scared. Then I got promoted to leader and life just got busy... I know I made a mistake.. but please.. give me another

chance.. I can make it right." Jake glared at Tallstar.

"No Tallstar, it's too late. My heart belongs to Nutmeg and my kits now, you wasted your chance." He snarled. "Get over me and find a nice mate, like you made me. Just stay out of my life from now on!" And with that, Jake lept back into his yard and padded back into his home. Tears soaked Tallstar's fur as he wept. He lept down from the fence and ran back to camp. Once he returned, he went straight to his den. "Tallstar, are you alright!?" Barkface called, quickly following him.

"Leave me be Barkface.. I'm not in the mood." Tallstar mumbled through his paws.

"Please tell me what's wrong Tallstar, I'm your best friend you can trust me." Tallstar sat up, sniffling.

"Alright.. Well.. I met a cat when I went to get revenge on Sparrow named Jake. He saved my life, even though I had to live with his Twolegs. He traveled with me, and we grew very close. When we had to split ways, my heart felt like it had been shattered into millions of pieces. It took me this long to realize that I love him.. I just visited and he told me to go home and get over him and take on a mate, like I made him.. I regret not telling him sooner.." Tallstar managed through his tears. Barkface began licking Tallstar's head, attempting to soothe him. "Come on Tallstar, if he is gonna be a jerk, forget about him."

"You don't understand Barkface, I can't forget about him. After all these moons, I still love him.." Tallstar wailed.

"Tallstar, come on. You have to get over him. I had to get over my major crush on Doespring, you can do it." Barkface reassured.

"This isn't just some silly crush!" Tallstar hissed. "I am in LOVE, meaning my heart belongs to Jake, I can't stop that."

"Well I don't know what else to tell you Tallstar.. Come get me if you need to talk." Barkface meowed, leaving the den. Tallstar flicked his tail over his face and attempted to sleep.

A/N: Well, here is a little starter chapter uwu
I hope you like it!!

How Could I Get Over You?

A/N : Just wanted to let ya know this chapter starts with Jake uwu

"Are you alright hun?" Nutmeg called to Jake as he pushed through his door.

"I'm fine darling.." He replied, sorrow filled his voice.

"Are you sure...? You don't seem happy. What happened outside?" Nutmeg worried. She stood up and padded over to Jake, noting the sadness in his eyes.

"Nothing.."

"Come on Jake, I know when you are upset." Nutmeg worried. "Please tell me what happened." Jake looked up at Nutmeg, tears soaked his cheeks.

"Well.. Tallstar visited.. He told me how much he loves me and it just broke my heart. I always thought he never really cared." His voiced cracked. "But now I know I gave up the love of my life for nothing.. And I'm not saying I don't love you Nutmeg, because you mean the world to me, but Tallstar.."

"Was your first love. I understand Jake. Please, if he makes you happy, go to him, I'd hate to see you upset." Nutmeg purred. Jake gave her a worried glance.

"You sure?"

"Mhm. Go to him." And with that Jake gave Nutmeg a farewell lick and ran out the door.

It was wet and slippery from the light drizzle that happened after Tallstar left, but Jake managed to cross the Thunderpath. "I'm coming Tallstar.." He whispered and ran on. He soon crossed into Wind Clan territory. Sniffing for a any sign of a cat, he pushed a patch of heather. Jake wasn't watching where he was going and bumped into Ryestalk.

"Intruder!" Ryestalk hissed.

"No no! I'm looking for Tallstar. I need to speak with him. Please." Jake pleaded. Ryestalk narrowed his eyes then turned towards camp.

"Come on. Let's get you in and out of our territory." He growled.

"Tallstar, some kittypet wants to speak with you." Ryestalk called. Tallstar pushed his way through his den, not looking up.

"Why should any kittypet care about me?" He hissed. Tallstar's words stung Jake's heart.

"It's me Tallstar, Jake.. I need to speak to you." Jake pleaded. Tallstar jerked his head up, his eyes wet with fresh tears, which he quickly blinked away. "Come." He muttered.

Jake sat down next to Tallstar. "So.. what do you want?" Tallstar grumbled. His attitude really hurt Jake.

"Tallstar... I made a mistake to push you away. I love you Tallstar. You are my everything." Jake croaked, tears streaming down his face. "I was mean yesterday, I-I ruined everything. You have no need to take me back.. I was a fool." Tallstar got up and licked Jake's face, quietly shushing him.

"It's alright Jake, you didn't ruin anything.. It's my fault for barging in on your relationship."

"Tallstar, don't worry about Nutmeg, she's happy as long as I am. My owners will find her a new mate in no time." Jake smiled, intertwining his tail with Tallstar's. "But seriously, I love you Tallstar."

"I love you too." Tallstar giggled, licking Jake's nose.

The sun was setting, there was no point in going anywhere, so the lovebirds curled up in Tallstar's nest and drifted off to sleep.

A/N: aaaa I am loving writing this, and I hope you are enjoying reading it uwu

Updates maybe slow, as it's the last few weeks of school and I just keep getting more and more homework, so please be patient.

The New Life

a/n: finally starting to write this part :D yay

Jake woke with a start. He was a bit startled to wake up in a den, and not his pet bed like he was used to. Yawning, he got up and walked outside to stretch his legs. There were cats hustling around everywhere, coming in and out of hidden places. Jake guessed they were other dens and continued padding around camp, taking in all the smells of the camp. "A little lost there?" Doespring giggled.

"Uh, yeah." Jake mumbled, looking away a bit embarrassed.

"No need to feel weird about it, everyone gets lost when they come to new places. You are new right? I'm Doespring, very nice to meet you." Doespring smiled.

"I'm Jake. And it's a pleasure to meet you too Doespring, and yes, I am new." Jake said, a bit uncomfortable. Doespring tensed up a bit when she heard his name was Jake.

"So you're a... uh.. kittypet?" Doespring said a bit worried. "Why are you here then?"

"Well uh, because Tallstar invited me to come and live with him?" Jake said, a bit confused. "He's the leader, wouldn't he have told you the news right away?"

Doespring looked disappointed in Jake. "There is much for you to learn Jake, and many changes you must go through. You must get a warrior name, you must learn to hunt and fight for yourself and not always rely on some other being to do it for you, you know that right?" Jake looked scared and his ears were pushed back.

"Y-yeah... Of course I did..." He said with a lot of worry in his voice. Doespring sighed an angry sigh.

"Didn't Tallstar tell you anything? I swear he's so mousebrained sometimes." She growled. She took a couple deep breaths and calmed down. "Meet me at the first patch of heather outside the camp after all the cats leave for the gathering. I'll teach you about clans until the gathering is over alright?" Doespring smiled and walked off to speak with Barkface. Jake turned to adventure around the camp some more when he heard a familiar voice calling his name. "Jake! Could you come here please?" Tallstar called with joy. Jake changed his path and padded up to Tallstar. "Yes?" He asked.

"I was thinking you could come with to the gathering tonight. It'll give you a chance to get to know some of the cats."

Jake looked around kinda awkwardly. "Well uh.. I don't really think I should go to something so large the first day I'm here..." He muttered. "Plus, I don't think I could cope well around all those cats yet. I'm close to having a panic attack just in camp!" Tallstar looked at him with sympathy in his eyes.

"No problem. Maybe you'll have gotten used to everyone by the next gathering." Tallstar smiled, twirling his tail with Jake's. Jake smiled and nuzzled him.

"So how come you haven't told the clan about me yet? Shouldn't you have told them as soon as I got here? Plus, I still need a warrior name and training.." Jake asked worriedly. Tallstar giggled, licking Jake's face.

"I'll tell them before we all leave for the gathering. As for your warrior name, think one up. Maybe ask around for some help coming up with one. Now I must go, I promised Sorrelpaw and Appledawn that I'd go on the hunting patrol. See you later." Tallstar smiled, walking off to find the rest of the patrol. Jake looked around desperately to find Doespring. "Ughhhh." He cried out with frustration. Barkface looked up from prey to see what made the call of distress.

"Uh.. you alright?" He asked, finishing his meal and padding over to Jake.

"Oh, uh, yeah. Everything's fine." Jake said nervously, his fur

getting warm. Barkface gave him a weird look.

"You seem a bit uncomfortable.. Oh! You must be the new cat Doespring told me about. Jake right? I'm Barkface, the Clan's medicine cat. Well.. medicine cat apprentice. Hawkheart is the current the medicine cat. Oh my gosh, sorry I'm rambling on so much." Barkface laughed nervously. Jake smiled and let his tail rest on Barkface's shoulder.

"It's all ok!" Jake laughed. "Very nice to meet you. Uh, would you maybe be able to tell me where Doespring went? She offered to teach me about the warrior code and life as a clan cat later on but I need to ask her something."

"I believe she said she was going on the border patrol, you'll have to wait until she returns. I could teach you some stuff about herbs if you wish?" Barkface offered. "It'll come in handy if you ever need to help a cat out when me and Hawkheart aren't around."

Jake nodded. "Sure, would it be ok if I, uh, grab a piece of prey first? I'm a bit peckish."

"Of course." Barkface giggled. "Just meet me over there when you grab your prey." Barkface turned and went to the medicine cat den to wait. Jake sighed, padded to the fresh kill pile and poked around in it. After a few moments of deciding, he picked up a pretty plump rabbit and went off to find Barkface.

a/n: oh my gosh, finally i updated with another chapter !! so sorry it took so long omg.i recently started high school and i have lots of homework. i hope this chapter ended up oke doke tho !! i hopefully will be updating a lot more often and writing while im in study hall. bai bai !!

The Herbs

a/n: i would just like to say sorry for lots of dialogue this chapter xD

Hawkheart padded into the den with herbs fillings his jaws. He set them down next to the other piles and gestured to them. "Sort those. I have a lot more to collect and the sooner that's done, the sooner you can help me grab more." He growled grumpily, leaving to get more herbs. Barkface sighed and began sorting.

"Uh, hello?" A voiced called from the entrance.

"Come in." Barkface called, a bit grumpy, sorting the horsetail from the dock from whatever else was in this pile. Jake pushed his way in to the den and looked around, taking in all of the herbs in the many nooks and crannies. "Wow.. so many.." Jake marveled.

"Yeah. They're a pain to sort but it's my job so gotta do it. Hawkheart actually just brought in a fresh batch of herbs so it's the perfect time to show you whats what." Barkface meowed happily.

Jake looked down at the pile of random leaves and flowers, very confused. "Uhh.. Alright." He giggled.

"I know you're probably confused, but after a few herbs you'll understand a lot better. I'll start with... dock. Dock grows in bunches and kinda looks like dandelion leaves. They are used to put on scratches if you chew it to a pulp." Barkface explained, picking a few dock leaves out of the pile. "Smell them. A large part of herbs is their smells." Jake gave him a weird look but bent down and sniffed the leaves. Barkface lightly scratched his own leg just enough for it to bleed. "Now, since this wound is small, you only need the dock, no cobwebs. Chew a few of those leaves up then put it on my cut. It might taste a bit bad, but it's worth it in the end." Jake glanced up at Barkface then did as he was told. Carefully he chewed the dock

into a pulp and pressed it onto the cut.

"Am I doing it right..?" Jake asked, scared he was doing something horribly wrong.

"Yeah! You've got it. Perfect." Barkface smiled. "Now I should finish sorting, but before we continue learning the herbs, we have a terrible case of fleas and ticks with the elders and it would be great if you would take some mouse bile down to the elders den and help remove some ticks? Pigeonpaw should be there right now, ask him for help. Do NOT eat mouse bile or you'll have that horrible taste in your mouth for days! To carry it to the elders den, put the bile in a big leaf and wrap up the leaf. Be sure to wash your paws off when you've finished, but Pigeonpaw can show you that. Now, let me grab you a leaf of bile." Barkface turned and started putting the leaf together. He carefully he picked up the leaf and brought it to Jake. Jake grabbed it in his jaws and turned to head to the elders den. He didn't exactly know where it was, but it shouldn't be hard to find, right?

Jake wandered around, trying to find the elders den for a good while. Soon he noticed a place that is perfect for the elders. He padded over there and to his surprise, he was correct. Carefully Jake set the leaf down. "Uh, Barkface sent me to help out with the ticks?" Pigeonpaw looked up from what he was doing.

"Great, I needed it. Flamepelt has a flea right between his shoulder blades. Could you attempt to get that one off?" Pigeonpaw asked kindly.

"Yeah of course." Jake smiled. "Uh, I'm new around here so I don't exactly know how to use this 'mouse bile' and can I ask who Flamepelt is?"

Pigeonpaw smiled and flicked his tail towards a dark ginger tom near the back of the den. "Over there. And all you gotta do is take a little bile on your paw and dab it on the tick. Grab it in your teeth and pull it off, but be careful, the elders are frail so you could hurt them."

"We ain't as frail as you think we are." Flamepelt rasped. "Now come

here and get this tick off my back, it's killing me." Jake grabbed his leaf again and padded to Flamepelt. Carefully he grabbed a little bile, dabbing it on the tick as instructed. He waited a moment then bent down and grabbed the tick in his teeth, pulling it. After a bit of tugging the tick pulled free from Flamepelt's pelt.

"Thank you young'n, maybe I can finally get some sleep." Flamepelt laughed. "Pigeonpaw can get the one on my leg, you go bring that bile back to Barkface and wash your paws, no need for a kittypet to help out til he learns the Warrior Code."

"How did you know I used to be a kittypet..?" Jake asked.

"Well its quite obvious." Flamepelt muttered. "You hardly know how to use mouse bile, and your fur is very sleek and you're quite a plump cat, unlike us clan cats. Soon enough you'll fit in though, no worries. Now get along out of here." Jake smiled and grabbed his leaf, trotted back to the medicine cat den. "I was sent back early by Flamepelt." Jake explained.

Barkface looked up from his herb sorting. "Oh, ok. Make sure to wash your paws in the stream. It's right outside camp to the right." Jake turned and left to go to the stream. As he went to leave, both patrols were returning. He noticed Doespring and Tallstar and flicked his tail as a hello. Doespring smiled and flicked her tail back. Tallstar on the other hand had to come dashing up to Jake and begin nuzzling him.

"Woah calm down." Jake laughed.

Tallstar began to feel warm. "Sorry.. I just missed you a lot. Where you headed?"

"Just the stream, I have to wash mouse bile off my paws."

"Yuck." Tallstar laughed. "Well have fun?" Jake giggled and padded off to go to stream

a/n: woahhh two chapters in one night? : O i felt motivated to write a lot. if i have wifi babysitting tomorrow, i'll write more. enjoy and bai bai !!

Training Begins

a/n so uh, i forgot i was writing this im so sorry pffft i havent updated this since freshman year and im a junior now,, sorry for keepin yall waiting. if you're still following this story, here ya go! i'll be updating it little by little throughout the day bcuz school so im sorry if i leave it at random spots!!

A few days after being in the clan camp, Jake began to get used to the feeling of sleeping in a den instead of his comfortable kittypet bed. He yawned, carefully stretching, as not to wake up the others in the den with him. It was already sunhigh, he could hear the soft hum of busy cats in the clearing. He picked his way among the few other sleeping warriors and padded out into open.

He still wasn't used to seeing so many cats in one place. Ryestalk was chatting with a few other warriors Jake had yet to learn the names of, Flamepelt, Lilywhisker, and Flailfoot were all sunning themselves in the clearing, and a group of apprentices, of which he recognized Pigeonpaw, were tussling in the clearing, waiting for their mentors to take them out for a training session. A sudden weight on Jake's shoulders caused him to fall to the ground in a flailing mess. The weight soon vanished and he blinked to see what had attacked him.

"Morning Jake!" Doespring's chipper voice greeted him. He grumbled a greeting in return and began to groom his pelt where it had become screwed up.

"I'm sorry if I scared you." Doespring's voice sounded again with a hint of guilt. "I was put on training duty with you and was just so excited to get started." She looked to the ground, fumbling her paws in the dirt, embarrassed. A purr erupted from Jake's chest.

"It's alright Doespring." He purred, giving her shoulder a lick. "Just next time a simple hello will do." She looked up, a small grin on her face. "So, what are we learning first today?"

"I was thinking of going out with a few of the apprentices ." Doespring replied. "Since you're basically at the level the new apprentices are at, it should be a good place to start."

Jake nodded his head. He didn't really understand everything yet but he figured she had good judgement.